AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A burner head comprising:

a gas passage and at least one burner port;

said gas passage and burner port being formed by:

forming first and second planar metal sheets, each sheet comprising first and second primary metal materials, said first material being different from said second material;

forming, on said first and second sheets, a portion of said gas passage on said first material and a portion of said at least one burner port on said second material; and

connecting said first and second sheets for forming said gas passage and said at least one burner port

~~a gas passage and a burner port which are formed, by joining together oppositely-arranged plate members either or both of which are provided with recessed potions having shapes corresponding to said gas passage and to said burner port respectively, between said plate members,~~

~~regions of at least one of said plate members that is provided with said recessed portions, for formation of said gas passage and said burner port, are each formed of a respective metal primary material having characteristics selected according to each said region, and said entire plate member is comprised of a single sheet of metal flat-plate material formed by uniting different types of plate-like metal primary materials having different characteristics~~.

2. (Original) The burner head as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said metal flat-plate material is a combination of a first metal primary material having high heat resistance and a second metal primary material having high workability, and

said burner-port constituting region and said gas-passage constituting region are formed, by press molding, in a first section of said metal flat-plate material which is formed of said first metal primary material and in a second section of said metal flat-plate material which is formed of said second metal primary material, respectively.

3. (Original) The burner head as set forth in either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein:

said metal flat-plate material is comprised of different types of plate-like metal primary materials of different characteristics, said different types of plate-like metal primary materials being united together at end edges thereof in the same plane by butt-welding.

4. (Original) The burner head as set forth in claim 3, wherein:

each said end edge of said plurality of plate-like metal primary materials extends straightway so that a butt-welding region of said metal flat-plate material extends straightway, and

said butt-welding region is located at such a position between said burner-port constituting region and said gas-passage constituting region that said burner-port and gas-passage constituting regions each undergo a minimum variation in shape.

5. (Original) The burner head as set forth in claim 3, wherein:

said butt-welding operation is carried out by laser welding.

6. (Previously Presented) A gas burning appliance comprising a burner head as set forth in any one of claims 1 or 2.

7. (New) The burner head of claim 1, wherein said first and second planar sheets are a single sheet joined at a centerline.

8. (New) The burner head of claim 1, wherein said first and second planar sheets are separate sheets.